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New Dawn as fresh Board of Directors Elected

We are excited to announce that on 9th April 2016 our dedicated membership turned up in numbers at Kati Kati main hall, Kampala, Uganda to elect a new board that will see the Organization scale up its innovative programmes towards the support of good practices and policies in the area of girls and women education.



At least fifteen women were elected to the powerful positions. The event also saw the creation of a new post- Alumni Representative- who is expected to represent FAWEU Alumni and Beneficiaries Association (FABA) views at the organization's top most organ.

Drawn from key education, social services and entrepreneurship sectors, the board-elect will serve for a period of three years with effect from 9th April 2016.

The top organ is now under the leadership of Margaret Atim Mugeni, an educationalist and enterpreneur with 37 years experience in teaching and education sector planning at MoESTS.

The bon fide directors are now tasked with developing a new strategic plan pending the phase out of the 2013-2017 Strategic Plan in December next year. The team is also expected to scale up empowerment of girls and women post education training with an

emphasis of skills development in entrepreneurship among other sustainability efforts. They will also channel their energies towards launching up scholarship programmes to include improvement of livelihood of communities to further enable a trickle-down effect to the access of education for children.



EALA Outreach and Sensitization Programme

The East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) between 3rd and 23rd April 2016 held extensive sensitization and consultative meetings on the

overall East Africa Community (EAC) integration process.

Key on the agenda was the creation of awareness among EAC populace on the gains and challenges of integration. The EALA representatives also held consultative meetings with civil society organizations among them FAWEU on the various milestones achieved in the integration process and the way forward on emerging issues and challenges at different sectors among EAC member states.

We particularly advised the assembly to pursue re-entry policies and laws for teenage mothers and out of school girls. We also called on the assembly to tap into secondary school education while channeling innovative approaches among the youth. This would enable secondary school students stay informed on career choices and opportunities that lie ahead with the convergence of EAC member states.

MoESTS Report on Linkage between Teenage Pregnancy and School Dropouts

The Ministry of Education Science Technology and Sports (MoESTS) is on the verge of the developing a re-entry policy for pregnant girls and child mothers. In this respect, MoESTS in 2015 partnered with FAWEU to undertake a research study on the linkage between pregnancy and school girls drop outs cases. A total of 13 districts drawn from all regions in Uganda were targeted in the study. Of the 13 schools sample size, 8 primary schools and 5 secondary schools were reached out for evidence. A total of 2,268 girls were interviewed

during the study.

We are glad to announce that on 28th April 2016 our Monitoring and Evaluation team presented the comprehensive report to MoESTS Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. The game changing report also received a go-ahead by the Education Sector Policy Management (SPM) Working Group for further deliberations.

The research study is expected to assist the ministry in the benchmarking of the causes of school drop outs among primary and secondary school girls as well as strategically input into the overall development of the school re-entry policy of pregnant girls and child mothers.

Makerere Business School (MUBS) Career Fair



Makerere Business School held its annual Career Fair between 18th to 22nd April 2016. The event was graced by among high profile leaders, the Inspector General of Police General Kale Kayihura, and MUBS Principal Professor Waswa Balunywa. We participated in the event by showcasing our rich resource base in gender mainstreaming in schools. Members of the FAWEU Alumni and Beneficiaries Association (FABA) who run their own companies also got to market their products and services at the event. FABA's Alumni Bridget Akurut gave chief guests and public a taste of her refined wine while Grace Nanyonga made a sale out of her wide array of *Mukene* fish products from her Grana Fish company.

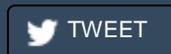


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